

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

Deputy Mayor Richard C. Alnor opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor west wing conference room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This regular Work Session Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of Meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey herald and News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers."

Present: Deputy Mayor Richard C. Alnor, Committeemen Harold Galenkamp and Henry J. McNamara

Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Ray Martin, Attorney from Robert Landel's Office and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Absent: Mayor David N. Connolly and Committeeman Joseph B. Fiorenzo

Deputy Mayor Alnor opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period. There was no public comment at this time.

Committeeman Galenkamp motioned to close the public comment period, seconded by Committeeman McNamara with an affirmative voice vote.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator provided a report from Police Chief Ydo concerning Jake Braking. This was in response to Mr. Breckenridge's comments concerning trucks using the very loud jake brake on Lawlins Road. Committeeman McNamara questioned whether any signage would be installed. Deputy Mayor Alnor requested Police Chief Ydo's plan for enforcement.
2. Committeeman McNamara questioned the request to waive the Planning Board application fee for the Christian Health Care Center application. The Administrator was instructed to provide additional information in this regard.
3. Deputy Mayor Alnor indicated the Finance Committee was reviewing and signing vouchers and requested any Township Committee Reports.

Township Committee Reports:

1. Committeeman Galenkamp reported that the Township is proceeding forward with the application for the Community Forestry Grant Program. Also, Scott Fisher and the DPW did an excellent job with the recent snow, ice and rain storm on Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

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2. Committeeman McNamara reported that the Library rescheduled their meeting to Wednesday, February 21, 2007. The architect will be present to provide and review the expansion plans for the Library as well as obtaining input from the Library Trustee Board Members.
3. Deputy Mayor Alnor was pleased to announce that a certificate was received for Don Smith, Chair of the Shade Tree Commission indicating he has passed the core training requirements for the New Jersey Shade Tree Act. Mr. Alnor also reported that as of this evening, the Fire Department has responded to 76 calls for fire assistance. A carbon monoxide alarm was sounded on Saturday, February 17, 2007 to a home due to a faulty furnace. The wheelchair bound homeowner was removed from the home and the level of carbon monoxide was dangerously elevated.
4. With regard to the request from the Building Department to increase the real estate sign application fee from \$5.00 to \$25.00, the governing body was in favor of the fee increase.
5. Deputy Mayor Alnor requested the Administrator obtain input from the remaining managers who did not respond to the request on how to cut the municipal budget in expectation of the State mandated 4% tax levy limitation cap.
6. Committeeman McNamara asked the Administrator to have the Finance Officer clarify whether the 4% tax levy affects 2007 calendar year municipal budgets or 2008 fiscal year municipal budgets.
7. The Administrator has completed the application for the Community Forestry Consultant Grant and requested approval from the governing body for submission. The Township Committee approved.
8. Deputy Mayor Alnor advised that the Annual Team Up to Tidy Up Day, sponsored by the Environmental Commission will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The Administrator advised that the Arbor Day application has been filed by the Environmental Commission to plant ten (10) one – two foot tall trees on municipal property.
9. Committeeman McNamara made a motion to provide authority to the Administrator to advertise for a replacement municipal engineer. The Township Committee approved.
10. Committeeman McNamara requested an update from the Zoning Enforcement Officer concerning the property maintenance code violations at 256 Madison Avenue. The Administrator was asked to respond to Congressman Scott Garrett's request to assist municipalities with their most important needs. The Administrator was directed to write to the Congressman expressing the Township's need for grant funds to extend public sanitary sewers.
11. The Administrator asked the Municipal Clerk if she was prepared to comply with the new civil union law which took effect today. Clerk Santimauro said she was and that the 2007 year Mayor, Mr. Connolly would perform civil unions.
12. The Administrator reported that Doug Itjen one (1) of the two (2) new probationary police officers graduated last Thursday from the Essex County Police Academy, ranked #1 academically and was at work the next day.

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The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

David N. Connolly
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk